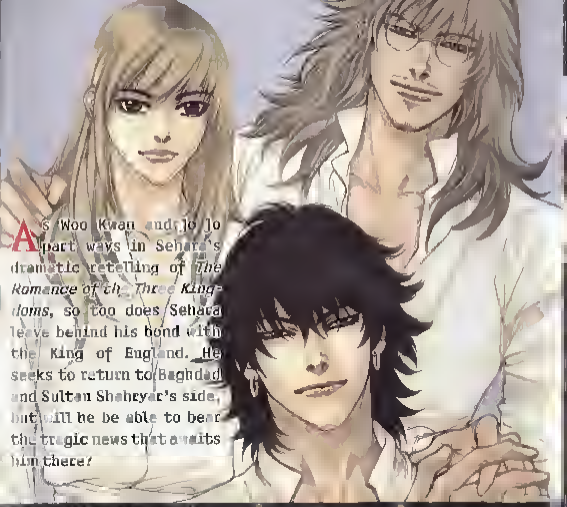

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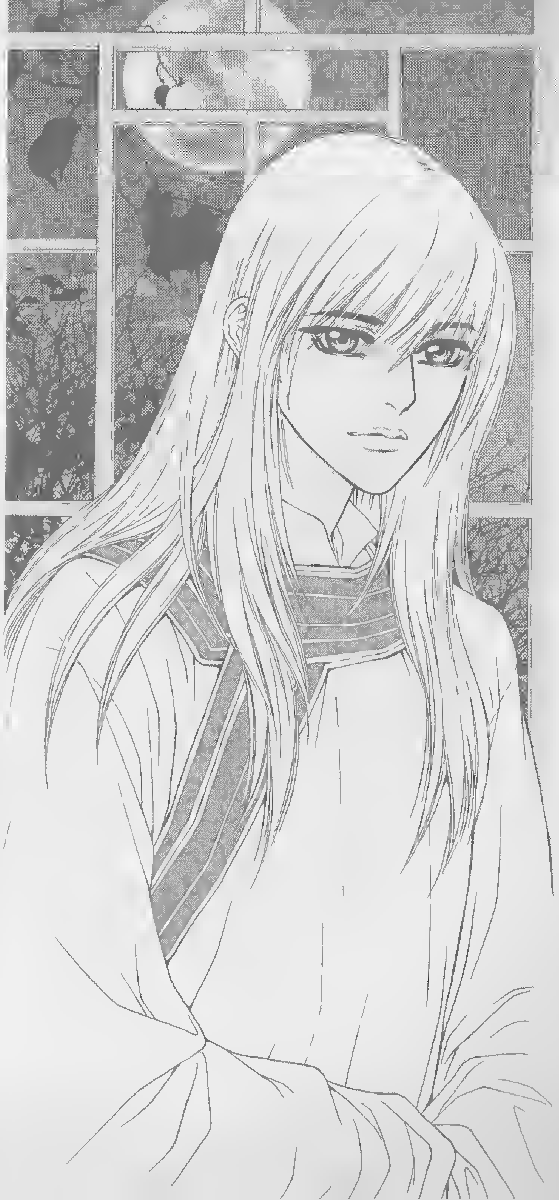

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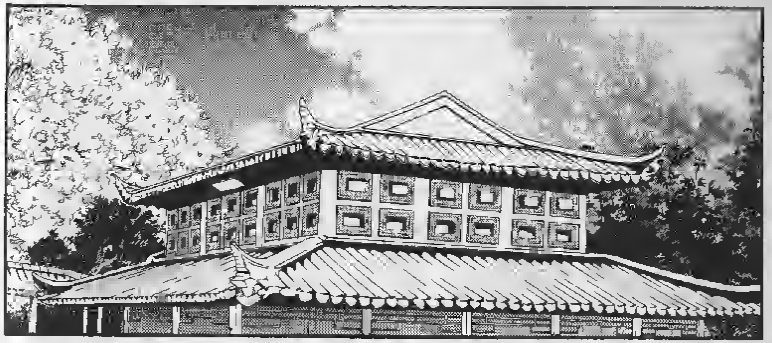


WOO——

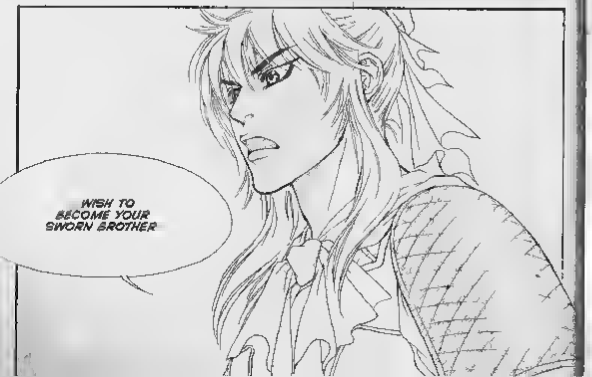
YOU'VE ALREADY PACKED.
YES. AND I HAVE LOCATED BROTHER Bi, SO...

HE'S PROBABLY DEAD BY NOW
MASTER JO MADE YOU FIGHT RYANG AN TO MAKE SO WON MAD SO WON WOULD HAVE KILLED MASTER YOO
I HAD GUESSED AS MUCH
PLEASE DON'T GO
WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO FIGHT TOGETHER, UNDER THE SAME PERSON...
IF YOU LEAVE NOW, WE WILL BE ENEMIES.
CAN YOU RAISE A SWORD AGAINST ME, WOO?
WILL YOU KILL ME FOR MASTER YOO?

IF YOU BELIEVE SO...
THEN KILL ME NOW BEFORE YOU LEAVE
IF WE'RE DESTINED TO CROSS SWORDS SOMEDAY...
I'D RATHER DIE TODAY THAN WAIT TO MEET YOU IN BATTLE
ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE!
PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ME—
CHA
PAUSE
PLEASE GIVE THIS LETTER TO MASTER JO ON MY BEHALF
TAK
AND TELL HIM THAT I AM SORRY TO HAVE TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO HIM THROUGH THIS LETTER AND NOT IN PERSON
WHSH

PLEASE TAKE ME WITH YOU
PAUSE

I...


WISH TO BECOME YOUR SWORN BROTHER

THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE

WHY...
WHY NOT?
AM I THAT USELESS TO YOU?
WAS IT I ALONE WHO THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS?

RYO
DO YOU KNOW WHY MASTER JO SENT ME TO FIGHT KYANG AN?

DESPITE MY PLEADING, MASTER JO WOULD NOT ALLOW ME TO JOIN THE BATTLE
MASTER JO KNEW I WAS TRYING TO RETURN HIS KINDNESS

BUT WHEN YOU FELL FROM YOUR MOUNT

WOO KWAN

P-PLEASE SAVE RYO

HE ASKED ME
TO SAVE YOU

HE IS YOUR MASTER
TAP

PLEASE SERVE MASTER JO WELL

CREEEEAK
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

RUMBLE
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RUMBLE
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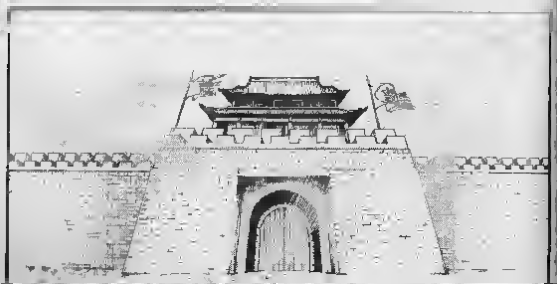


WHO ARE YOU?
WHY HAVE YOU COME TO THE NORTH GATE WITH ARMED SOLDIERS?!

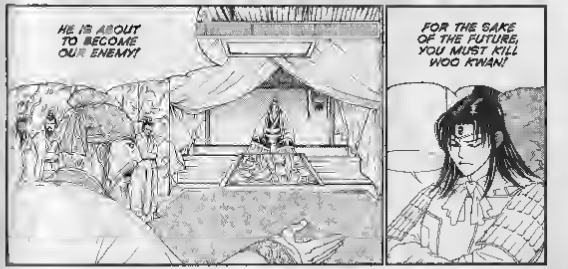
I AM WOO KWAN, A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL. I AM GOING TO HABOOK TO SEE MY BROTHER, SI YOO
HABOOK?
THAT'S WHERE SO WON IS. HAS MASTER JO ALLOWED YOU PASSAGE?

MASTER JO PROMISED IT TO ME BEFORE AND HE MADE NO MOVE TO STOP ME FROM LEAVING
THEN LET ME SEE THE OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SAYING AS MUCH FROM MASTER JO

I DO NOT REQUIRE MASTER JO'S OFFICIAL SAY-SO BECAUSE I AM NOT RULED BY MASTER JO
IS THAT RIGHT?

THEN...
...YOU SHALL NOT PASS!
TA-
-DA

IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW VALUABLE HE IS!


HE IS ABOUT TO BECOME OUR ENEMY!
FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE, YOU MUST KILL WOO KWAN!

SHH-
UKK
.....

WOO HAS ALREADY LEFT.
!
I TOLD YOU! IT IS NOT TOO LATE! YOU SHOULD SEND SOMEONE TO KILL HIM!

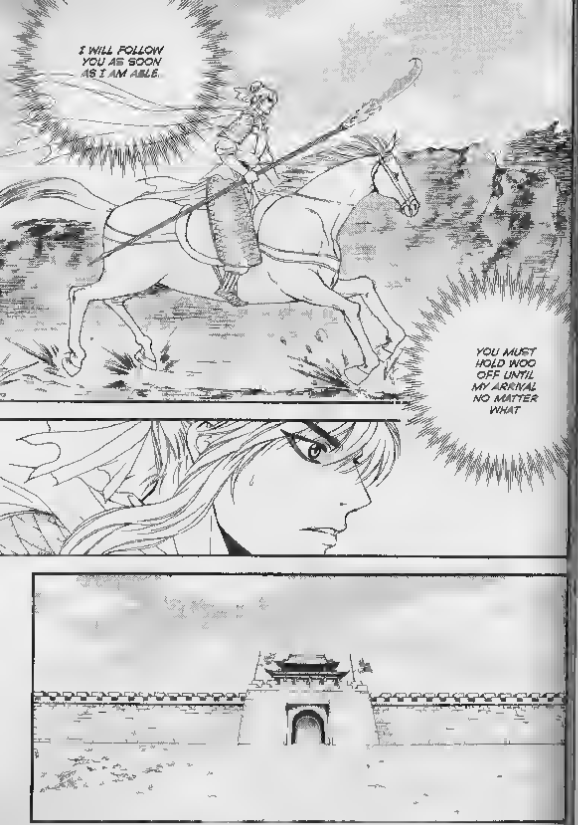
WHEN I WAS YOUNG, I SWORE TO SERVE SI YOO, AND THE SKY AND THE EARTH HEARD MY VOW.
IT HAS FALLEN TO MY EARS THAT SI YOO IS UNDER SO WON'S CARE. SO HOW CAN I FORGET THAT VOW?

EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN SO GOOD TO ME, I CANNOT FORGET SI'S KINDNESS.
I BID YOU FAREWELL WITH THIS LETTER. PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND.

I HOPE I CAN RETURN YOUR KINDNESS SOMEDAY.

RYO JANG!

GO NOW AND STOP WOO KWAN!
EVEN THOUGH HE HAS THE RED HORSE, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET FAR WITH SI YOO'S TWO WIVES.


I WILL FOLLOW YOU AS SOON AS I AM ABLE.
YOU MUST HOLD WOO OFF UNTIL MY ARRIVAL NO MATTER WHAT

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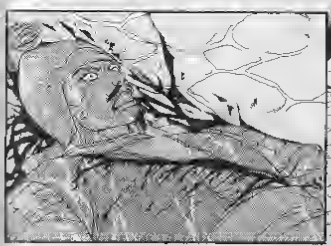
CLIP
다각
CLOP



WOO...

I HAVE ALREADY TAKEN THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE THUS FAR STOOD IN MY WAY
IF YOU DO NOT STEP ASIDE I WILL HAVE TO KILL YOU TOO
I'M ON GUARD HERE UNDER GENERAL HA'S ORDER!
I CANNOT LET YOU PASS!
EVEN IF YOU WERE TO SPROUT WINGS AND FLY OVER HERE, I WOULD NOT LET YOU PASS!
HAIYAAAAH!

WOO KWAN
YOU BASTARD...
GRIT

*EUNUCHS WERE POWERFUL PEOP E BACK THEN

BECAUSE HE WAS ATTEMPTING TO PASS THROUGH THE GATE WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL DECREE!
WHAT YOU JUST DID IS AKIN TO KILLING JO JO
I HEAR THAT YOU KILLED BOTH RYANG AN AND CHOO MOON...
SO WHY DON'T YOU TRY YOUR LUCK WITH THIS ONE-EYED MAN AS WELL?!

CLIP
CLOP
CLIP
CLOP

IF I DON'T HURRY UP
CLIP
CLOP

CLIP
CLOP

SHIII
HHHH

KRA
CHANG

DON'T ACT SO PATHETIC.
I WOULD RATHER PLUCK OUT MY REMAINING EYE THAN SEE YOU LIKE THIS.

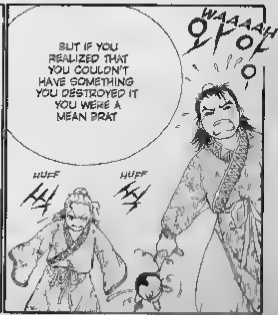
WHAT'S WRONG? THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU!
HUH! NOT LIKE ME?
SMILE

THEN WHAT AM I LIKE?

SINCE WE WERE CHILDREN, YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN INTERESTED IN THAT WHICH WAS NOT YOURS
IS THAT RIGHT ?

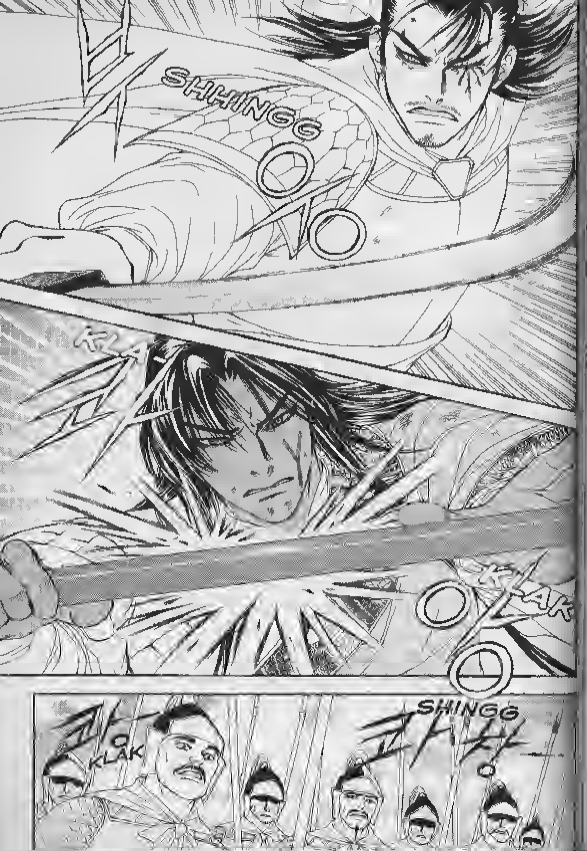
IF I THINK ABOUT IT, IT WASN'T BECAUSE YOU WEREN'T GREEDY
IT WAS OUT OF EXTREME POSSESSIVENESS

IF YOU LIKED SOMETHING, YOU FOUGHT FOR IT


WAAAAH
BUT IF YOU REALIZED THAT YOU COULDN'T HAVE SOMETHING YOU DESTROYED IT YOU WERE A MEAN BRAT
HUFF
HUFF

I'VE FOLLOWED YOU DESPITE ALL THAT
EVEN WHEN AN ARROW HIT THIS EYE, I FELT NO PAIN I NEVER ONCE REGRETTED FOLLOWING YOU
CHHK
MY EYES ONLY NEEDED TO LOOK IN THE DIRECTION OF YOU... POINTED FINGER.
BUT WHAT IS WOO KWAN TO YOU?
WHY CAN YOU NOT DESTROY WOO KWAN...?
IF YOU CAN'T...
GRIT

...THEN I WILL
DESTROY HIM!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KLAK
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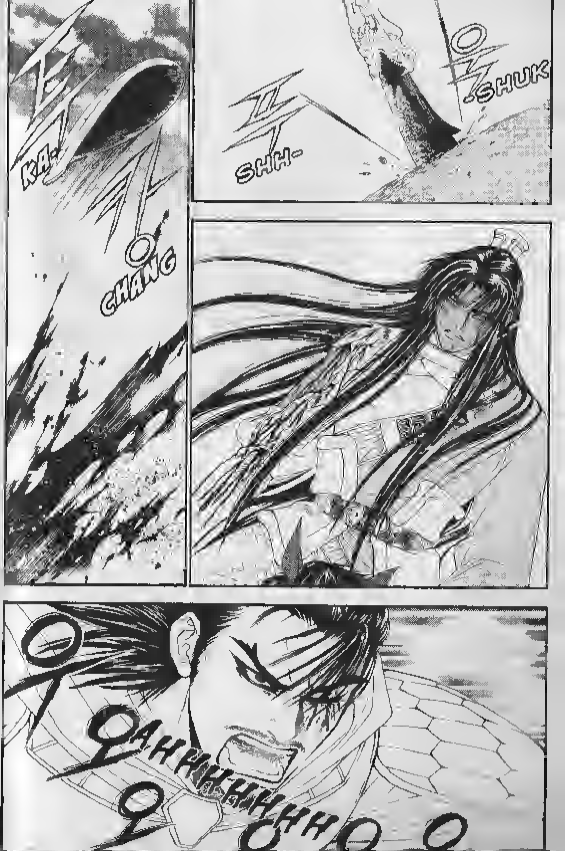
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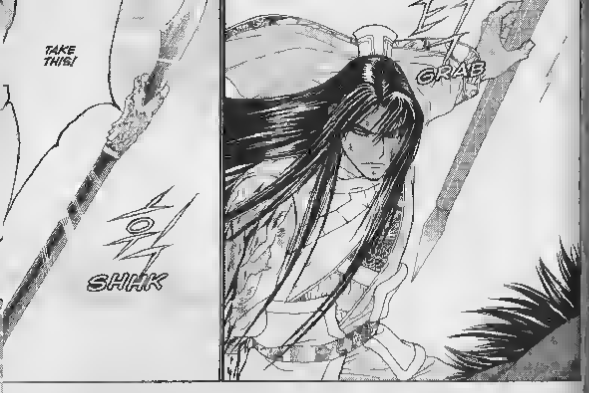
SHUK
KIH
CHANG
AHHHHHHHHH


TAKE THIS!
SHIIK
GRAB

KYAA
GLEAMING

CEASE THIS BATTLE IMMEDIATELY!
CLIP CLOP

GENERAL HA, PLEASE PUT DOWN YOUR SWORD
RYO

GET OUT OF MY WAY
ARE YOU SIDING WITH THIS TRAITOR!"
GRIT

MASTER JO HAS ORDERED ME TO HOLD WOO KWAN FOR HIM UNTIL HE ARRIVES HERE.

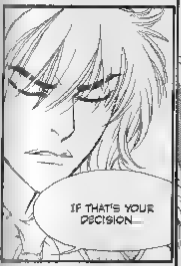
DON'T WORRY
I'VE GOT HIM

NOW THEN
STEP ASIDE UNLESS YOU ARE SIDING WITH HIM

PLEASE WAIT UNTIL MASTER JO GETS HERE!
WOO KWAN IS A CRIMINAL WHO KILLS GATEKEEPERS.

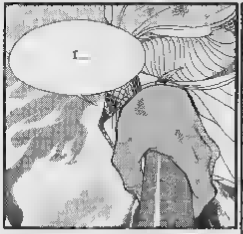
IF YOU REFUSE TO STEP ASIDE...
I'LL KILL YOU TOO

I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO STOP YOU!


IF THAT'S YOUR DECISION...

HYO. MOVE ASIDE.
THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

EVEN IF MY HEAD IS CUT OFF...
...MY SOUL WILL FIND IN YOO.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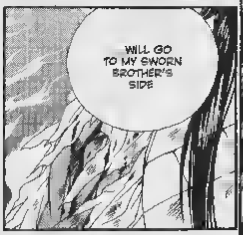

WILL GO TO MY SWORN BROTHER'S SIDE

AND NOTHING
WILL STOP ME

FINE
IF THAT'S YOUR WISH, I'LL—
I WILL LET YOU GO!

I WILL LET YOU GO...
...TO BI YOO'S SIDE
MASTER JO!
JO JO!

EVEN THOUGH I TRIED HARD TO MAKE WOO KWAN MINE...
...HE WOULD NOT GIVE ME HIS HEART.

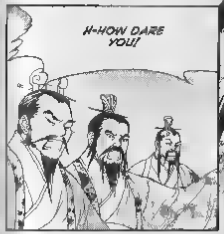
HOO-DON HA
WILL YOU DEFY MY ORDER?

THOUGH IT SADDENS ME TERRIBLY...
CLIP CLOP
...HIS HEART BELONGS TO BI YOO.

BUT PLEASE, DO NOT REJECT MY GIFT.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WEAR THESE CLOTHES BUT...
WON'T YOU PLEASE KEEP THEM?

SHHK


H-HOW DARE YOU!

FWW-
-WUP

HOW DARE HE NOT PROPERLY WEAR THE CLOTHES MASTER JO GAVE HIM? HE MERELY CAST THEM OVER HIS SHOULDER!
NO...

HE ACCEPTED MY HEART
P
HE PUT THE CLOTHES I GAVE HIM
ON TOP OF THE CLOTHES SI YOO GAVE HIM
WOO HERE IS YOUR SWORD
I WANT YOU TO KEEP IT UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
UNTIL THAT DAY
I WILL BORROW YOUR SWORD

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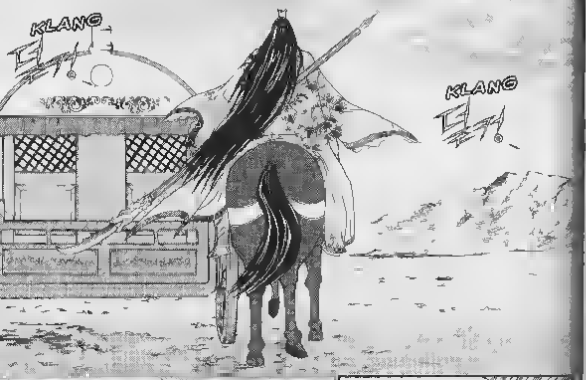
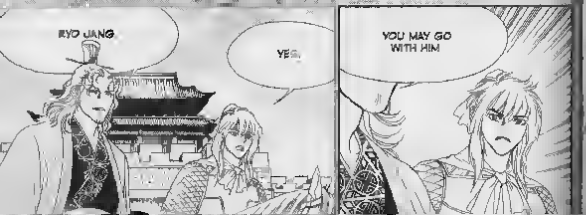
CHUK


KLANG
KLANG


RYO JANG
YES
YOU MAY GO WITH HIM

NO MASTER JO
SMILE

I WILL REMEMBER WOO, WHOM I HAVE MUCH ADMIRED, IN MY HEART

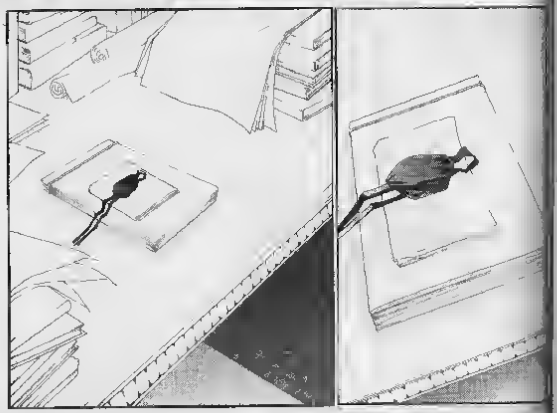
BUT AS WOO STAYS BY SI YOO
I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU MASTER JO

RYO
THANK YOU

HOO-DON.
WHEN WE GO BACK, I'LL GET YOU A STRONGER AND BETTER EYE PATCH.
.....
DID YOU RUIN THE EYE PATCH THAT I HAD MADE FOR YOU AGAIN?
I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T NEED IT!

FLIP
FLIP

SEHARA!
SLAM



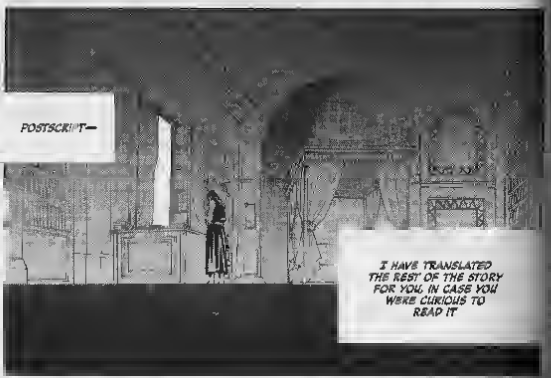
I AM SORRY FOR BIDDING YOU FAREWELL THROUGH THIS LETTER.
I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE NOT JUST A CONQUEROR. I BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN BE A KING WHO RULES HIS PEOPLE WITHOUT DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THEIR RELIGIONS OR RACES.

BUT ANOTHER GROWS INCREASINGLY DELICATE AND ILL AT EASE...
...WITHOUT ME BY HIS SIDE.

WITH MY LACKING SKILL, I HAVE MADE THIS EYE PATCH FOR YOU IN FAREWELL.
IT IS BUT A SMALL TOKEN. STILL, IT WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY IF YOU KEPT IT WITH YOU.
SEHARA

SEVEN YEARS LATER...
...JO JO SUFFERED A MASSIVE LOSS AGAINST THE UNITED ARMIES OF THE OH AND CHOK NATIONS.

PLEASE HOLD ON
HA-HA! HOW PATHETIC I AM


POSTSCRIPT—
I HAVE TRANSLATED THE REST OF THE STORY FOR YOU, IN CASE YOU WERE CURIOUS TO READ IT

IF WE ENCOUNTER ANY ENEMIES NOW, WE'LL BE IN BIG TROUBLE
WE'LL BE SAFE ONCE WE CLIMB THIS HILL
NO, IF I WERE THE ENEMY

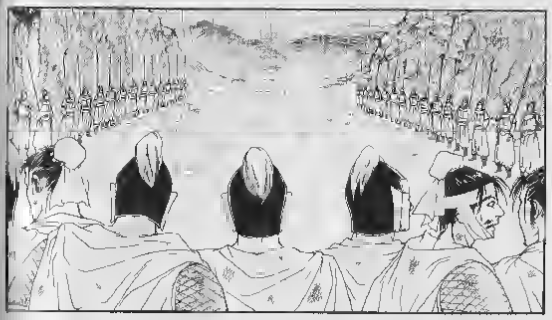
I WOULD LAY AN AMBUSH HERE.
WOO K'WAN!
KA-KOOM

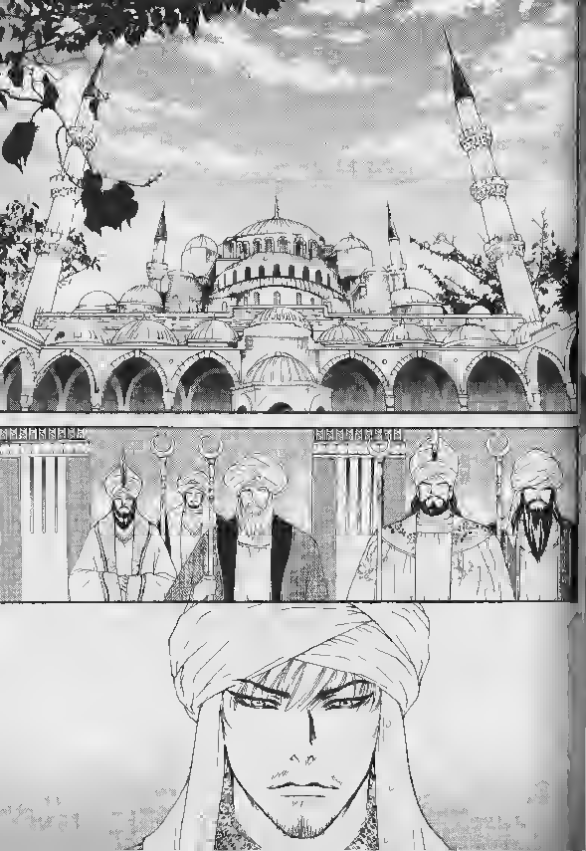
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?

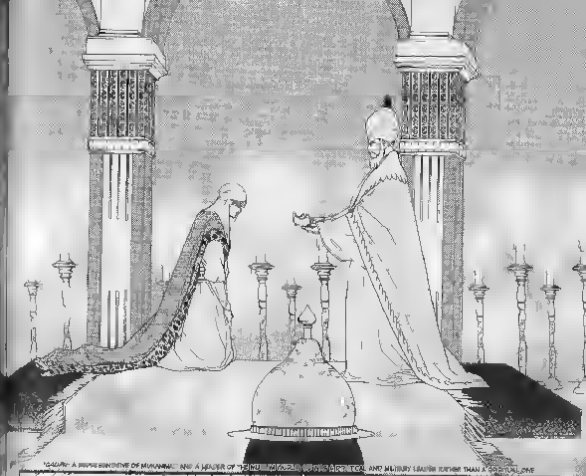
MAKE WAY!

MASTER KONG-MYUNG JE-KAL WAS RIGHT!
WE FOUND JO JO HERE!
HE ONLY HAS A FEW MEN LEFT
IF WE ATTACK THEM NOW

EVERYONE!







"CALIPH": A REPRESENTATIVE OF MUHAMMAD, AND A RULER OF THE MUSLIM WORLD, WITH SPIRITUAL, POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP RATHER THAN A SPIRITUAL ONE

I APPOINT JAFAR, A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF ALLAH, AS THE SULTAN OF BAGHDAD.
ON THIS DAY BEFORE ALL THESE PRESENT
YOU WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF SULTAN SHAHRYAR WHO SEVERAL TIMES DEFENDED THE ISLAMIC NATION FROM WESTERN INVADERS.

YOU MUST ALSO PRESERVE SHAHRYAR'S VIRTUOUS REPUTATION FROM BEING TARNISHED BY HIS FOOLISH BROTHER

SHAZAMAN...
IF ONLY YOU'D BROUGHT SHAHRYAR BACK ALIVE FROM THE DESERT
"WHERE IS SHAHRYAR?"
"I SHALL REPORT TO THE CALIPH THAT I WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY TRACE OF HIM DUE TO THE STORM."
I WOULD NOT DO THIS TO YOU WHO ARE LIKE A BROTHER TO ME

I WANTED YOU TO SUFFER A MOST PAINFUL DEATH. BUT...
HISSS
...I COULD NOT THINK OF ONE!

AT THE VERY LEAST I'LL PERMIT YOU TO DIE THE SAME WAY FATIMA DID.
STARE

DUNYA.
SEHARA! YOU'VE COME BACK SAFELY!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN?
GOOD!
GOOD!
WHERE IS EVERYONE?
THE PAST
Y-YOU MUST BE TIRED
LET'S GO INSIDE FIRST ALI IS THERE AS WELL
ALI IS?

SEHARAP
ALI
I DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE
ALL DRESSED UP TOO
I HAVE BECOME EMIR !
SHRUG
SHARP, A TITLE OF HIGH OFFICE HISTORICALLY USED IN THE MEDIEVAL MUSLIM WORLD
E-EMIR?
YES. BEFORE THE SULTAN LEFT TO RECAPTURE JERUSALEM, HE APPOINTED ME EMIR AND GAVE ME THE ORDER TO DEFEND BAGHDAD FROM INVADERS

SULTAN SHAHRYAR DIED?
EMIR JAFAR BECAME...
NO
SULTAN J-JAFAR.
THE SULTAN?

TH-THEN
HE FELL INTO SHAZAMAN'S HANDS AT DAMASCUS
...WHAT HAPPENED TO SULTAN SHAHRYAR?
SULTAN SHAHRYAR WASN'T ABLE TO...
...RETURN TO BAGHDAD ALIVE.

SHAZAMAN FALSELY ACCUSED SULTAN SHAHRYAR OF HELPING THE CRUSADERS.
OF COURSE SULTAN JAFAR WAS ABLE TO PROVE IT WAS ALL A CONSPIRACY PLOTTED BY SHAZAMAN. BUT

"SULTAN SHAHRIYAR, I CAN NO LONGER TELL YOU STORIES."
"H-HEY, YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT? YOU'RE TESTING ME AGAIN, AREN'T YOU? YOU WILL COME BACK IF I DO ANYTHING TO ME, RIGHT?"
"SEHARA — ! SEHARAAA!"

I STILL...
HAVE SO MANY STORIES THAT I WANTED TO TELL HIM

"CAN YOU PROMISE ME THAT YOU'LL ALWAYS BE...
" BY MY SIDE TO PROTECT ME?"

WHERE...?
HELP
HEH!
THIS IS THE END?
...?
LIGHT!
SEHARA?

UHH
WHERE—
YOU ARE INSIDE A TENT OF THE NAJAR GYPSIES *
WE FOUND YOU WOUNDED AND BURIED IN THE SAND AS WE PASSED BY
* NAJAR GYPSY: A GYPSY TRIBE THAT ROAMS ARABIC AND BALKANS IN ZALAMA
WE'D ACTUALLY TAKEN YOU FOR DEAD AND DUG YOU OUT TO LOOT YOUR POCKETS?
CHUCKLE
HEY!
AM I?

SAY, ARE YOU RICH? YOU SHOULD GIVE US MONEY FOR SAVING YOU AND TAKING CARE OF YOU.
BUT...
THERE IS...
NOTHING LEFT FOR ME
THERE IS SOMETHING I HAVE LOST THAT I MUST REGAIN
ARGH!
YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE LIKE THAT JUST YET
YOU MUST REST UNTIL YOUR WOUNDS HEAL

CRACKLE
CRACKLE

YOU KNOW A LOT OF INTERESTING STORIES
IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN TELL YOU MORE OF THEM.

DID YOU LEARN THEM FROM BOOKS?
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO READ
I HEAR ALL KINDS OF TALES AS WE WANDER AROUND THE WORLD
YES...
I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOU.
DO YOU WANT TO READ MY PALM?
YOU HAVE COMMITTED MANY SINS BECAUSE OF A PAINFUL EXPERIENCE IN YOUR PAST.
YOU COMMITTED STILL MORE SINS OUT OF GUILT FOR THEM.
YOU WERE ALREADY DEAD DROWNED IN A WHIRLPOOL OF SIN

AND THEN SOMEONE BROUGHT YOU BACK TO LIFE
THAT PERSON IS
SLAP
YOUR OTHER HALF

YOU SAID...
...THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU, RIGHT?
WHY DON'T YOU COME WITH US?
YOU CAN GAIN HAPPINESS WITH NOTHING BUT YOUR SOUL
I CAN'T DO THAT
WHY?
TO GET RID OF YOUR GUILT?
I HAVE TO GO TO JERUSALEM

TO FIND MY SOUL.
TO FIND MY OTHER HALF..
...WHO GAVE ME LIFE ANEW.

ARE YOU LEAVING?
YES. THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING

I READ MY TAROT CARDS YESTERDAY.
ACCORDING TO THE CARDS, THE PERSON WHOM YOU SEEK IS IN THE EAST, THE FAR EAST.
...GUILT IN SHAHRYAR.
JERUSALEM IS NOT IN THE EAST.
PERHAPS MY JEALOUSY CAUSED A MISREADING
GOOD-BYE.

"SEHA"LI"
"SEHARA"
"SEHARAAA!"
"I CAN NO LONGER..
" TELL YOU STORIES."

DAMN CRUSADERS
THE GATES ARE CLOSED...
RUSTLE
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

YAWN
GOOD MORNING
!
GREAT
MU MU
MU MU
?

E-EXCUSE ME!
WHAT'S GOING ON? IS THE WAR OVER?
YOU MIGHT SAY THAT. THE LAST CRUSADER ARMY IS LEAVING JERUSALEM TODAY, AFTER ALL.
THE CRUSADERS ARE...
LEAVING?
HOW'D THAT HAPPEN?
SULTAN JAFAR AND KING MACLEOD REACHED AN AGREEMENT.
THEY AGREED TO MAKE JERUSALEM A NEUTRAL TERRITORY WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL RELIGIONS CAN PRACTICE THEM FREELY
JAFAR IS...
...THE S-SULTAN?

MACLEOD!
HEY!
NEIGH!
FRANK!
SHAHRYAR!
HOW SURPRISING I HEARD YOU WERE DEAD
I CAN'T DIE UNTIL YOU RETURN THAT WHICH BELONGS TO ME

I'VE COME TO TAKE SEHARA BACK!
SEHARA IS NOT HERE
HE LEFT JERUSALEM A LONG TIME AGO
SAYING THAT HE WOULD RETURN TO YOU

SAT SUMAZ
GEHARA DID?
I WAS WRONG TO TRY AND FORCE HIM TO COME TO ENGLAND WITH ME
THE WAR IS OVER, SHAMIYAH
WE ARE GOING BACK HOME
AT LEAST ONE PERSON WILL BE HAPPY ABOUT YOUR RETURN
YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY TOO.
EVEN IF NO ONE WELCOMES THE DEAD SULTAN...

THANK YOU, MACLEOD!
KING OF THE FRANKS!

BY THE WAY I AM THE KING OF ENGLAND NOT THE KING OF THE FRANKS
YOU WESTERNERS ALL LOOK THE SAME WHO CARES?!
MIS-CONCEPTIONS ARE A FORM OF IGNORANCE SHAHRYAR
MY, AREN'T WE INTELLIGENT? I, ON THE OTHER HAND CAN BE IGNO-RANT SINCE I AM A SULTAN NO MORE
HUH? SO YOU CAN SPEAK OUR LANGUAGE
YOUR FLUENCY IS PRETTY SUBSTAN-
I PICK UP LANGUAGES FASTER THAN MOST
DO YOU ONLY NOTICE THAT NOW?
PLEASE COME TO ENGLAND WITH SHARA SOMEDAY
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT

WHEN I HAVE RETURNED TO ENGLAND
I WILL SURELY MISS THIS HOT SUN.

PLEASE WAIT FOR ME A LITTLE LONGER
I'LL BE THERE SOON

NEIGH

TOK

HEY! ARE YOU TRYING TO STEAL OUR HORSE?
SHUDDER

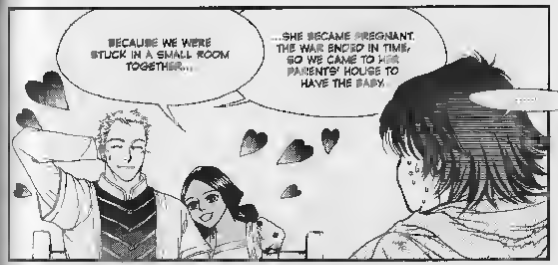
I FEEL SAD FOR YOUR OWNER, BUT I NEED TO SORROW YOU BECAUSE I'M IN A RUSH
NEIGH!

HUH?
SHAHRYAR!
PERVERT SULTAN!

HAVE YOU GONE FROM BEING THE PERVERT SULTAN TO BEING A PERVERT HORSE THIEF?

W-WERE YOU PLANNING TO EAT IT?
GRUMBLE

CHOMP
YOU LOOK AWFUL
YOU EVEN HAVE A SCAR ON YOUR FACE LIKE A HORSE THIEF MIGHT
I THOUGHT YOU WENT TO ROME...
IT WAS OKAY TO GO TO ROME AND GET MARRIED THERE BUT
...CRUSADERS WERE GATHERING IN THE CITY.
WE HAD TO HIDE SOMEWHERE


BECAUSE WE WERE STUCK IN A SMALL ROOM TOGETHER...
...SHE BECAME PREGNANT. THE WAR ENDED IN TIME, SO WE CAME TO HER PARENTS' HOUSE TO HAVE THE BABY.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?
I'LL BE FOURTEEN BY THE TIME THE BABY'S BORN

YOU GUYS ARE THE REAL PERVERTS
WHAT? WE'RE MARRIED AND HAVING A BABY WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

YOU'RE THE ODD ONE... BEING IN LOVE WITH THAT
...SSHUURA!

SHHP
THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD
I WISH YOU HAPPINESS AND...
A HEALTHY BABY
SIR PERVERT!
PERVERT? HIM?
HE LOOKS NORMAL, BUT...
WHISPER WHISPER
WE CAN AT LEAST LEND YOU A HORSE.
REALLY?
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE SEHAIRA, RIGHT?
WE OWE HIM A LOT.
THANK YOU!!
I'LL MAKE SURE TO SEND YOUR HORSE BACK!

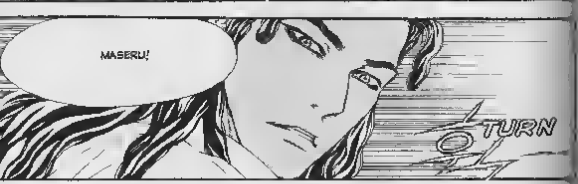
WAIT. HUMF HOW'D THAT PERVERT SULTAN KNOW WHERE MY PARENTS' HOUSE WAS?
AISHA.

THAT MAN HELPED US GET MARRIED AND HAVE A BABY.
HYAH!

BAAAAAH

BAAAAAH

LICK


MASERU!
TURN

TOK

MA-MASERU
TOK

I CANT
B-BREATHE

!
ZUMU

HELLO JAFAR
OF ALL THE
MASERU...

I'M SORRY TO HAVE WORRIED YOU SO MUCH

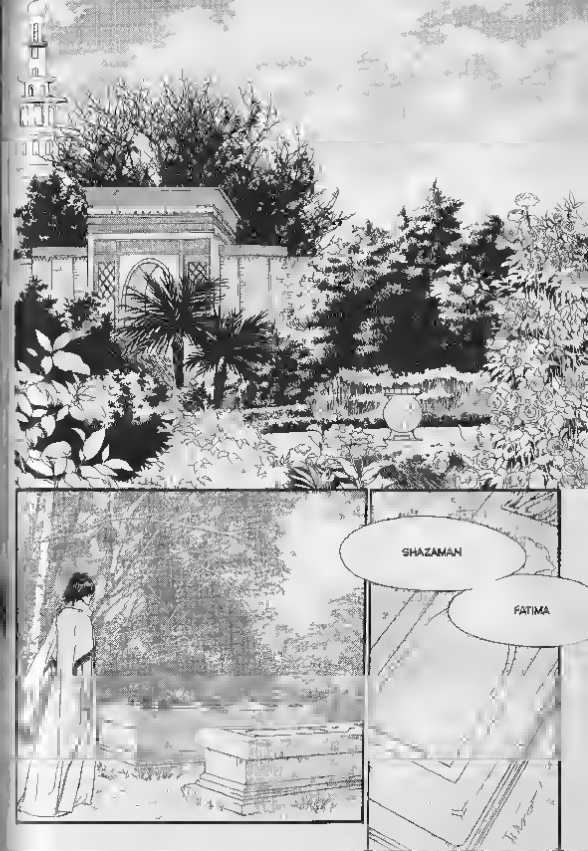
DID YOU GAIN WEIGHT?
I'M SURE I WEIGH MORE THAN WHEN YOU LOCKED ME IN PRISON.
I GUESS YOU WERE BORN TO BE A SULTAN.
HMPH
WHAT HAPPENED TO SHAZAMAN?

SHAZAMAN...
WAS EXECUTED FOR TREASON
HE WAS BURIED ALONGSIDE FATIMA
IN THE PALACE OF SAMARKAND

I SEE.
YES...
UM
AND SEHARA?
WHERE IS SEHARA?
SEHARA...
...IS NOT HERE
WHILE I WAS AWAY FROM BAGHDAD HE CAME BACK
UPON HEARING OF YOUR DEATH HE WAS CRIPPLED BY HIS FEELINGS OF GUILT
THEN ONE DAY HE DISAPPEARED
SEHARA LEFT THE PALACE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO ANYONE

DUNYA IS IN SAMARKAND WITH ALI
UNTIL THAT DAY...
...I'D NEVER SEEN SHARA CRY
HE ALWAYS STAYED STRONG. EVEN WHEN FACED WITH DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

HE DIDN'T TELL YOU WHERE HE WAS GOING?
HE KNEW I'D EITHER TRY TO STOP HIM OR GO WITH HIM IF HE'D TOLD ME
SO HE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT SAYING GOOD-BYE
IF
IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO MY BROTHER
I'LL BRING HIM BACK NO MATTER WHAT
DON'T WORRY SEHARA'S NOT THAT STUPID


SHAZAMAN
FATIMA

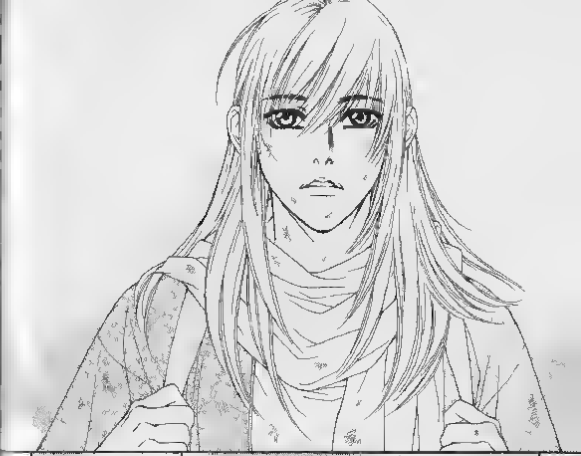
I HOPE YOU TWO ARE HAPPY...
IN THERE
PLEASE
FORGIVE ME
CALL ME EMIR ALI...
...SHAHRYAR.
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE MEET AGAIN.
YOU'RE DAMN LUCKY
BEG FOR THEIR FORGIVENESS IN PERSON WHEN YOU GO TO HELL
ALI.
EMIR...
EMIR ALI

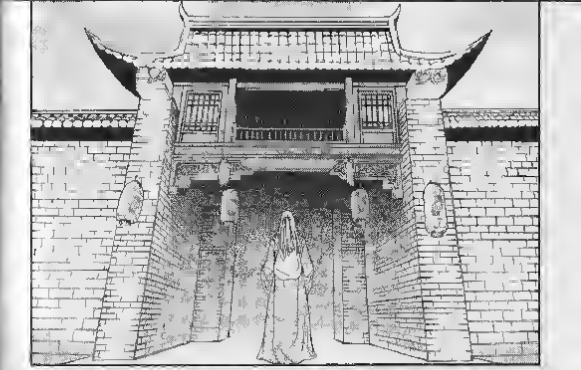
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.
PLEASE HELP ME FIND SEHARA.

THANK YOU MASERU THAT'S THE LAST ONE
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF JAFAR WHILE I'M GONE
NOD
DAN

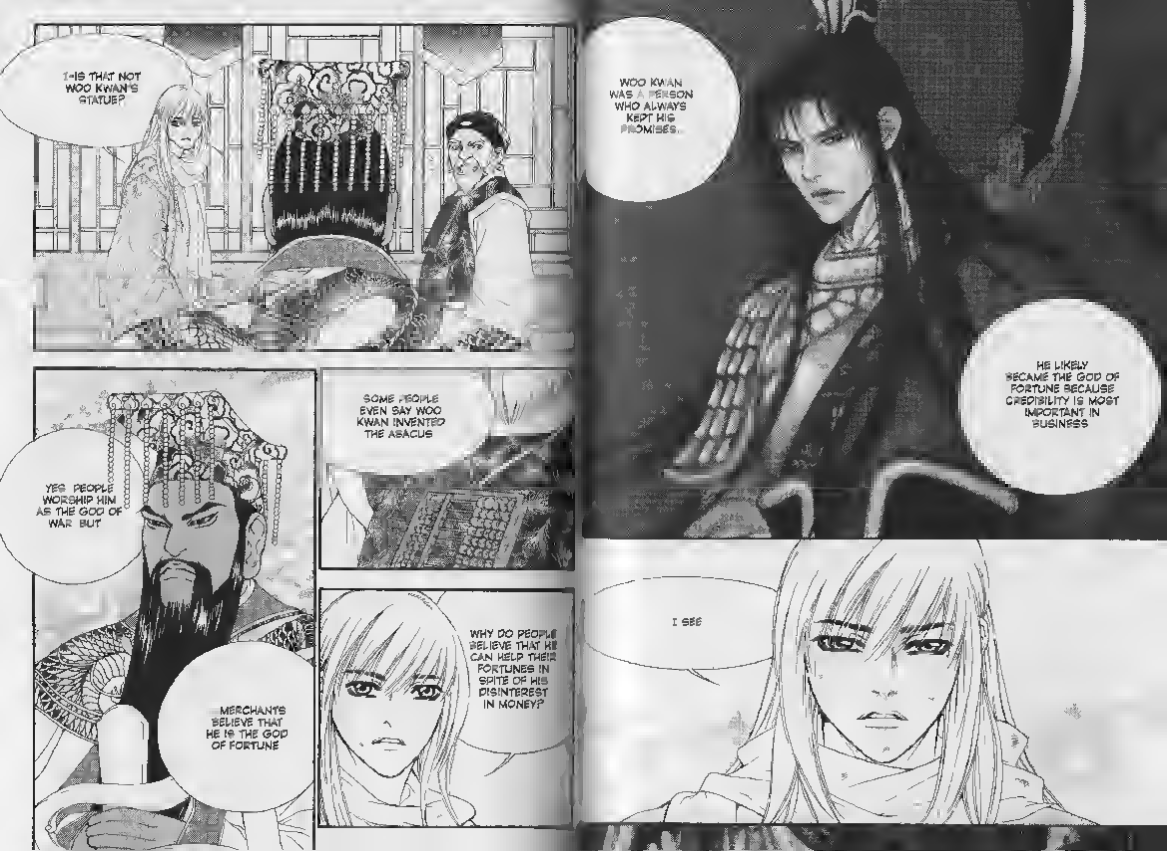
YOU'LL COME BACK WITH SEMAIA, RIGHT?
SMILE
OF COURSE
I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU DON'T COME BACK AND JUST GO LIVE WITH HIM SOMEWHERE ELSE!
SHUDDER
DO YOU KNOW HOW A MERCHANT FINDS A PERSON?
HE GOES AROUND SELLING WHAT HIS QUARRY NEEDS.
IF YOU GO AROUND SELLING FARM TOOLS YOU'LL FIND A FARMER
IF YOU GO AROUND SELLING INSTRUMENTS, YOU'LL COME ACROSS A MUSICIAN.

"ACCORDING TO THE CARDS,
"...THE PERSON WHOM YOU SEEK IS IN THE EAST. THE FAR EAST."

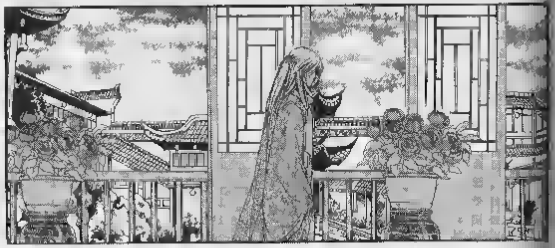




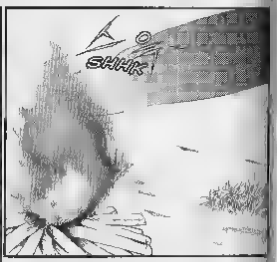
SEHARA?!
MR ZHAO
HOW DID YOU GET HERE ?
I AM SORRY TO HAVE COME HERE SO SUDDENLY
DID YOU QUIT YOUR JOB AS THE ROYAL BARD?


I-IS THAT NOT WOO KWAN'S STATUE?
WOO KWAN WAS A PERSON WHO ALWAYS KEPT HIS PROMISES...
HE LIKELY BECAME THE GOD OF FORTUNE BECAUSE CREDIBILITY IS MOST IMPORTANT IN BUSINESS
SOME PEOPLE EVEN SAY WOO KWAN INVENTED THE ABACUS
YES PEOPLE WORSHIP HIM AS THE GOD OF WAR BUT
MERCHANTS BELIEVE THAT HE IS THE GOD OF FORTUNE
WHY DO PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT HE CAN HELP THEIR FORTUNES IN SPITE OF HIS DISINTEREST IN MONEY?
I SEE

I'LL HAVE THE SERVANTS PREPARE YOU A ROOM.
I HAVE TO GO OUT TO TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS.
I APOLOGIZE FOR THE TROUBLE.
BE WELCOME.



WE WILL STAY HERE TONIGHT!


SHHK

BANDITS!
ARGHHH!
GUARD THE SLAVES!

SHHHHHK
AIEEE!
HEH-HEH-HEH!
KA-
POW

COME ON, YOU BANDITS!
I'LL CUT OFF YOUR THIEVING HANDS WITH MY SWORD!
*IN ANCIENT ISLAMIC CULTURES, THE PUNISHMENT FOR STEALING WAS CUTTING OFF THE THIEF'S HANDS, WHILE A RAPIST WAS EXECUTED IN PUBLIC

SHH
POW
SHHHIG
AHHH!

ARGH

WHO ARE YOU? A SWORD IN ONE HAND AND THE KORAN IN THE OTHER
THE KORAN? I JUST PICKED IT UP BECAUSE IT WAS THICK

ARE YOU A HIRED SOLDIER? HOW MUCH DO THEY PAY YOU? WHY DON'T YOU WORK WITH US?
GRR
H-HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT TO ME?!

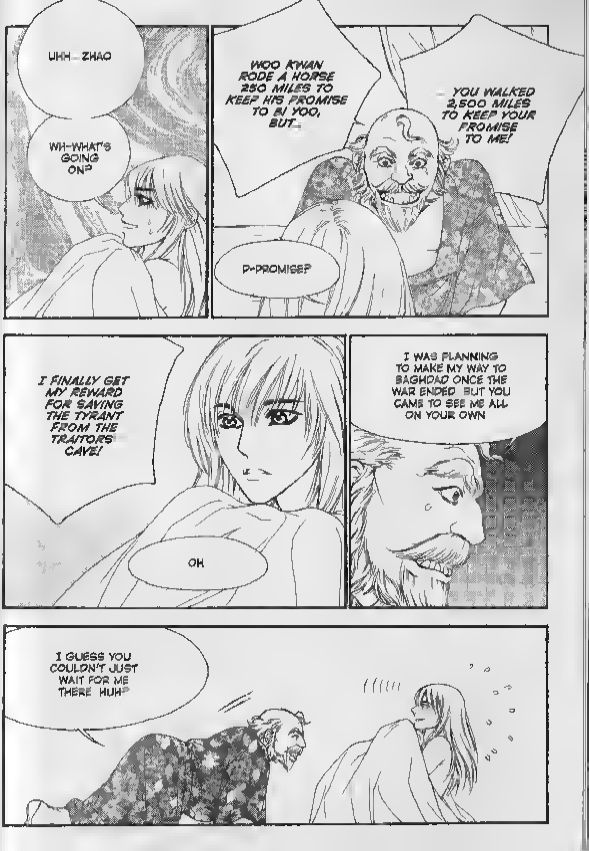
I AM BAGHDAD'S GUI—
NO! I AM A BOOK MERCHANT!
PAUSE
DAMN! HE WON'T HEAR US OUT!
LET'S SCRAM!
YEAHHH
THANK YOU YOU SAVED US
WOW YOU'RE QUITE THE WARRIOR
DESPITE THEIR WEAPONS THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR MY TRAINING
AREN'T YOU A BOOK MERCHANT? WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO FIGHT LIKE THAT?
UHH I READ ABOUT IT IN BOOKS
HO HO HO

I D-DON'T NEED HELP!
OH!

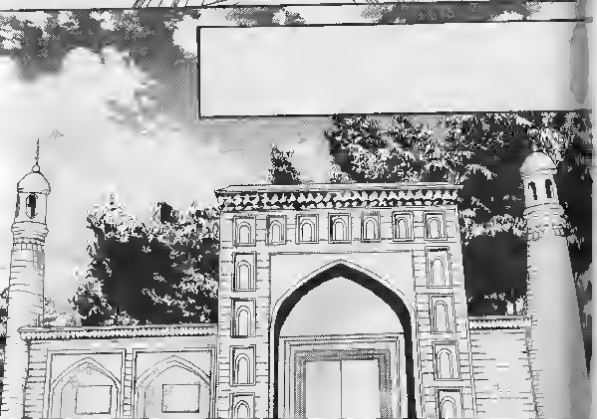
AHH
IT FEELS GOOD, RIGHT?
NOW TAKE OFF YOUR ROBE AND LIE ON YOUR STOMACH
OH, I'M A-ALL RIGHT
HA-HA! DO NOT WORRY A MASSAGE WILL MAKE YOU FEEL EVEN BETTER

AHHH...

SCHEHARA
DID YOU FALL ASLEEP WAITING FOR ME?
MMM
HOW CUTE...
SULTAN SHAHRYAR?
ZH-ZHAO!


UHH... ZHAO
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
WOO KWAN RODE A HORSE 250 MILES TO KEEP HIS PROMISE TO BI YOO, BUT...
...YOU WALKED 2,500 MILES TO KEEP YOUR PROMISE TO ME!
P-PROMISE?
I FINALLY GET MY REWARD FOR SAVING THE TYRANT FROM THE TRAITORS' CAVE!
OH
I WAS PLANNING TO MAKE MY WAY TO BAGHDAD ONCE THE WAR ENDED. BUT YOU CAME TO SEE ME ALL ON YOUR OWN
I GUESS YOU COULDN'T JUST WAIT FOR ME THERE, HUH?

HWOO-
SHHH
AHHHH!
PLEASE FILL MY OLD BODY WITH YOUR YOUTHFUL ENERGY!♡



THIS IS KASHGAR.

WELL, WE'LL BE STAYING THE NIGHT HERE BEFORE LEAVING FOR KARAKORUM.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

I WANT TO GO TO A BOOK-SELLER FIRST
THEN I'LL SEE YOU LATER AT THE INN

STARE

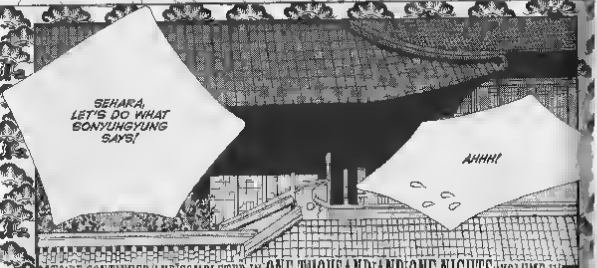
SHUDDER
SHOOSH

AHEM! WH-WHAT KIND OF BOOK IS THIS?
HMM HMM
A HINT OF SMILE

IT IS CALLED THE KAMA SUTRA, AND IT CONTAINS THE KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY TO PLEASE ONE'S BELOVED.
HOW INTERESTING!
IN INDIA, RELIGIOUS ENLIGHTENMENT IS LEARNED THROUGH THE ACT OF SEX

UMM
HESITATE
I HEARD THAT, IN OLD GREECE, RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MEN
?
HESITATE
HESITATE
WERE CALLED SPIRITUAL UNIONS

WOULD YOU HAVE A BOOK ABOUT THAT?
NO I DON'T, BUT
TURN



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Special Commentary from the Writer JinSeok Jeon

ONE DEATHS OF HEROES

TEN YEARS AFTER WOO KWAN LET THE DEFEATED JO JO GO, JO RECEIVED WOO KWAN'S HEAD AS A GIFT FROM WOO'S MURDERER KWUN SON OF THE OH NATION. AFTER JO RECEIVED THE HEAD, HE TOUCHED ITS BEARD, WHICH WAS STILL LONG AND BEAUTIFUL. THEN JO DONNED FUNERAL GARB AND HELD A KING'S FUNERAL FOR WOO. I GUESS JO DIDN'T WANT TO SEND WOO TO SI YOO, EVEN THOUGH HE COULDN'T HAVE WOO WHEN HE WAS ALIVE. HE PROBABLY STILL WANTED TO HAVE WOO AFTER DEATH.

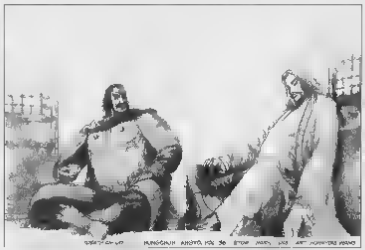
A FEW MONTHS AFTER WOO'S FUNERAL, JO DIED, AS IF FOLLOWING WOO. BUT HE WANTED HIS OWN FUNERAL TO BE HUMBLE AND SIMPLE. PERHAPS JO WANTED WOO TO BE REMEMBERED AND HIMSELF TO BE FORGOTTEN...

HOO-DON HA HAD KNOWN JO ALL HIS LIFE. HE WAS THE ONLY FRIEND WHO WAS ALLOWED INTO JO'S BEDROOM. AFTER JO'S DEATH, HOO-DON WAS APPOINTED 'GREAT GENERAL.' BUT HE, TOO, DIED SOON AFTER, AS IF FOLLOWING JO. AND THE WARRIOR RYO JANG, WHO ALSO RESPECTED WOO KWAN VERY MUCH, DIED AT THE AGE OF THIRTY-NINE FROM AN ILLNESS AFTER WOO KWAN'S DEATH. MANY HEROES DISAPPEARED FROM HISTORY. THE DEATHS OF THOSE HEROES SIGNALED A TURNING POINT IN *THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS*.

TWO "CHUNGCHUN HANGRO" AND THE LATE HAK-IN LEE

THE LATE HAK-IN LEE IS THE WRITER I RESPECT THE MOST. HIS LAST WORK, *CHUNGCHUN HANGRO*, WAS COMPLETED IN THIRTY-SIX VOLUMES IN 2005. THE WRITER OF *THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS* LOOKED AT HIS CHARACTERS FROM A CONFUCIAN POINT OF VIEW. HE MADE JO JO THE SAD GUY BECAUSE JO WASN'T INFLUENCED BY CONFUCIANISM. HAK-IN, ON THE OTHER HAND, LOOKED AT THE CHARACTERS FROM A RATIONAL POINT OF VIEW.

I THINK PEOPLE NOWADAYS THINK *CHUNGCHUN HANGRO* IS MORE BELIEVABLE THAN *THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS* BECAUSE OF THAT POINT OF VIEW. SIMILARLY, ***ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS*** REINTERPRETS OLD STORIES TO MAKE THEM MORE SUITED TO MODERN TIMES. THIS CONCEPT WAS VERY MUCH INFLUENCED BY *CHANGCHUN HANGRO*. IF IT WEREN'T FOR HAK-IN LEE, I MIGHT NOT HAVE BECOME A COMIC BOOK WRITER, AND EVEN IF I HAD, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WRITE ***ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS***. IF I HAD A CHANCE TO MEET HIM, WE WOULD HAVE TALKED ABOUT *THE ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS* ALL NIGHT. THIS IS WHY I CAN UNDERSTAND THE GREAT RESPECT RYO JANG HAD FOR WOO KWAN.



I often go for a walk around the neighborhood when the weather's nice (okay I try to go for walks often ^^)

I take my friend's dog that I've been watching for a few months. I can tell from her energetic jumps that she's full of happiness.

She's excited and joyful every time we go for a walk. Even if we go walking every day amazingly, I feel myself getting positive energy just from looking at her.

I'm happy to discover that the lovely feelings that I get from my cats and the energy that I get from the dog are different but also the same.

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